

## LADY DEFIES AN OFFICER

Attacks Constable in Louisa Who Attempts to Arrest Her.

WITH HATCHET AND STICK

Retreats to Her House and to Bed and Swoons When Overpowered and Arrested.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

JACKSON, VA., September 13.—One of the most exciting arrests that has occurred in Louisa since the severe wounding of Sheriff F. H. Anderson a few years ago by a desperate lunatic negro, occurred near this place last Saturday, when Mr. W. P. Cooke, a constable of Jackson District, attempted to arrest Mrs. V. C. Baxter on a warrant for obstructing the public road leading to J. D. Gibson's store, by stretching barbed wire across it.

Mr. Cooke went to where Mrs. Baxter and a negro were at work putting up the wire across the road. He was a very nice and polite way, tried to explain to the woman that she had no right to obstruct the public highway; whereupon the infuriated woman flew at him with a hatchet, and but for the timely interference of Magistrate C. R. Bagby, who happened to be present, she would have doubtless made some very fine sausage of Mr. Cooke. Mr. Bagby succeeded in getting the hatchet from the woman, when she grabbed a hickory stick and began to carry the spoils of wire, and began to beat Mr. Cooke over the head.

REINFORCEMENTS. At this point Justice Bagby summoned Mr. C. S. Foster, who happened to be passing the road, and Mr. Cooke, and Mrs. Baxter called for the negro, who was helping to put up the fence, to assist her. Mr. Cooke had hold of Mrs. Baxter, who was trying to beat him with the stick, when the negro grabbed Mr. Cooke and Mr. Foster caught the negro just at this time Mrs. Beverly Bourne came up and got the stick and let in with all her might and main on Mr. Cooke, who held on to his prisoner until Mr. Foster had succeeded in pulling the negro off Mr. Cooke when Mrs. Baxter ordered the negro to go to the house and bring the gun and shoot Mr. Cooke. Mr. Cooke, finding himself severely injured by the blows thus received, ran to his buggy and drove off for help, which he quickly secured, and, returning to the house of Mrs. Baxter, he found every entrance to the house securely barred. He had to break in.

RETREATED TO HER BED. After reaching the room in which the woman was securely fastened, Mr. Cooke found her in bed and claiming that her arm and back were broken. He again tried to persuade her not to resist arrest. Forgetting that her arm and back were broken, she jumped out of bed and again attempted another fight.

She was, however, soon overpowered and put in a buggy and driven to the scene of trial. On reaching there she pretended to be totally unconscious, but so thoroughly convinced was the justice that she was "playing possum" that he imposed a fine of \$20 and cost for obstructing the road and \$20 and cost for resisting the officer.

Mrs. Bourne and the negro were each fined \$20 and cost also.

A friend of the ladies asked for an appeal for them and went on their bond for their appearance at Louisa Court-house.

Up to this writing Mrs. Baxter claims to be in a swoon.

## AN INSTITUTION.

Judge Cassell's Watermelon Feast a Red Letter Event.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) RADFORD, VA., September 13.—Judge Cassell's annual watermelon feast has come to be as much a part of the racing order of the month as the Fourth of July and Christmas. And each year it is better than the last, if such a thing were possible. No home in the South-west dispenses more cordial hospitality and no river bottom grows finer melons than ripen on the Judge's fertile acres along the banks of New River.

On Thursday evening more than a hundred of Judge Cassell's friends, in response to his invitation, assembled at Cassellton to celebrate the yearly feast of melons.

Judge and Mrs. Cassell received, and their sons and daughters assisted the host and hostess in doing the honors of the house.

The guests were all masked and disguised, and though labeled on the back with some paramount characteristic, the identity of some was never solved. Others were more easily guessed, and much fun was afforded in discovering the names of the various guests.

After unmasking, enjoyable music was furnished by Judge and Mrs. Cassell, Miss Lillian Longley and Mrs. Robinson, of Newport News.

The lawn at Cassellton contains about three acres, dotted with red and white lights, and for the occasion, and with numerous Japanese lanterns. A negro band, stationed among the shrubbery, played and sang down songs during the evening.

Melons in great abundance were served on the lawn.

## CHESTERFIELD COURT.

Commences a Busy Term With a Large Criminal Docket.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) CHESTERFIELD, VA., Sept. 13.—Judge Wm. I. Clifton, of Manchester, yesterday opened the September term of the Circuit Court of Chesterfield county, and the first case called for trial was the case of the State vs. the Commonwealth, which was the first case called for trial. The case was a criminal case, and the defendant was a negro man named John Williams, who was charged with the murder of a white man named John Williams. The case was heard by Judge Clifton, and the jury returned a verdict of guilty. The defendant was sentenced to the State Prison for a term of years.

Indictments were found to-day against Peter Navine and Daniel Lowe for house-breaking and larceny, and Gus Rubieck, for felonious assault upon Wm. E. Woodin, those three being the only white criminals to be indicted. John Williams, Arthur Deering and John Storer were the negroes indicted. The first two being charged with larceny and the last with murder.

Some of the witnesses in the case of Arthur Deering were summoned from one of the Carolinas, the first having been from some employee of the Seaboard Air Line Railway. While they were temporarily located near Chester, their residence in the Commonwealth, which was as far as the Commonwealth, was therefore concluded before the adjournment of court. The jury found the offense of the defendant to be a felony, and the light sentence of two months in jail.

The trial of John Williams has been

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set for Friday, and that of Elijah Steger for Friday.

Judge Wooten will arrange the docket for the trial of civil cases next week.

## OYSTER SURVEY.

The State Surveyor Settles Disputes as to Natural Rock.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) IRVINGTON, VA., September 13.—State Surveyor Ruediger, with Captain W. E. Jennings, on board the police steamer Rappahannock, last week re-established and defined the Baylor line on Corbin Hall rock, off the mouth of Wicks's Creek, in the Rappahannock River, on the Middlesex side.

This rock was applied for by and surveyed by Captain D. M. Nelson, of Urbanna, and others, as depleted oyster grounds against protests of the tongsers in that section a few years ago. Later Surveyor Blake ran the Baylor line for the system, resulting in the greater portion of this forty-five acres being declared public oyster rock, but Mr. Nelson and his associates, the Lewis-Lankford-Tull Company, of Wheaton, would not abide by this survey.

Hence, the Board of Fisheries sent the State surveyor there to re-establish the line in dispute, and after a week's work in carrying the spoils of wire, and began to beat Mr. Cooke over the head.

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## ETTRICKS COTTON MILLS.

All Three Idle and All to Start Up Again Soon.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) ETTRICKS, VA., September 13.—It is reported that the Ettricks Cotton Mill, which has been idle for some year or two, is to be started to work in the near future, and that the Matoaca Mill, recently shut down, will be put to work at the same time.

Pocahontas Cotton Mill, on the opposite side of the river from the Ettricks plant, was closed for two weeks, Saturday. It is said that Matoaca, Ettricks and Pocahontas will resume work about the same time, and that a new superintendent will be appointed who, with the assistance of a clerk at each place, manage all three mills.

Some of the helpers from the recently closed mills have secured good situations at the Silk Mill, cheroot factory and other places, and the cotton mills will resume work for some time yet.

There are to be two new cigar factories nearby in a few months, and if the cotton mill men do not hurry and start up, they will find hands hard to get when they begin.

## ROMANTIC MARRIAGE.

The Knot Was Tied in the Public Road.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NEW STORE, VA., September 13.—A romantic marriage took place in the public road near Buckingham Courthouse yesterday afternoon, Mr. James Ripley, a merchant at Enonville, and Miss Rosa Gunter, of the same place, being the contracting parties. Rev. John Spencer, of the Baptist Church, performed the ceremony, which was witnessed by two, Misses Gunter, sisters of the bride. The party were out driving and the prospective groom, who had passed through the village of the Courthouse, invited the minister to accompany them up the road, which he did, and the twain were made one.

Mr. Spencer is reported to have said to-day that he had married fifteen hundred couples in the majority of them being runaway matches.

Dr. Lightfoot Morris, one of the most popular young physicians of Buckingham, and bride returned to the county last week and received a warm welcome from his many friends.

## DECLINE TO CONSOLIDATE

Tries to Secure Accounting of County's Expenditures.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NORFOLK, VA., Sept. 13.—The Board of Trade and Chamber of Commerce, of Norfolk, has declined to consolidate. An effort is being made by Straightout County Supervisor Christian to have an accounting of Norfolk county's expenditures.

## Deadline for Championship.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) SUFFOLK, VA., September 13.—Owing to the refusal of Manager Haman, of Norfolk, to play the fifth game anywhere except in Norfolk, the amateur baseball championship of Eastern Virginia and North Carolina may remain undetermined.

Two games each have been played in Norfolk and Suffolk and each team has won two. Manager Dennis, of Suffolk, says the original understanding was that the fifth game should be played on neutral ground, and Suffolk is ready to play the deciding contest in any town except Norfolk or Suffolk.

Concluding a long distance telephone talk this afternoon, in which the managers did not come to terms, Dennis said his investigation of the felony cases to-morrow morning.

## King William Notes.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) BTNA MILLS, VA., September 13.—Mrs. A. C. Grady and daughter, Miss Mary Harris, of King George, have gone to the World's Fair.

The members of Hobson Baptist Church have given their pastor, H. A. White, a vacation of one month. He will spend his time with his mother, in Orange county, Va.

Thomas Burton Snead, who has had typhoid fever for the last twelve months, dressed and sat up for two hours to-day.

A number of young men will leave from this section on Thursday, the 15th, to attend William and Mary College the coming session.

## ASPHALT FOR CITY STREETS

Plans Under Way in Petersburg for Extensive Improvements.

THE FOURTH DISTRICT

Southall Majority Is Something Over Eight Hundred Votes.

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PETERSBURG, VA., Sept. 13.—The Board of Aldermen yesterday adopted a resolution recommending the Public Improvement Committee, providing for the improvement of quite a large number of the city's streets by paving the roadways with sheet asphalt or asphalt blocks.

This is a component part of the plan suggested by Mr. N. T. Patterson, president of the Council, providing that \$75,000 four per cent. bonds be issued for paving the roadways of certain streets.

The financial provisions of the resolution were adopted at a meeting of the Finance Committee last night, and the plan now awaits adoption by the Council, which is quite certain, so that extensive and well arranged street improvement is now practically assured. The resolution now in process of enactment involves no special tax, as the city is abundantly able to take care of the bonds proposed to be issued, and no property owners will be assessed for improvements to streets.

COUNCILMAN RESIGNS. Mr. James M. Quicke, who for many years has been a most valued and influential member of the Council, has resigned from the Finance Committee of that body.

Mr. Quicke recently introduced in the Council a resolution providing for the issue of \$100,000 four per cent. bonds, including a special tax, for street improvement.

The Democratic Committee of the Fourth Congressional District met this afternoon at the Chesterfield Hotel to canvass the returns from the recent primary.

R. G. Southall, the successful congressional candidate, was present. His majority, which was much changed by the few precincts yet to be reported, is about 800 votes.

NO VITAL SPOT. The condition of Mrs. John Warrenton, who was so dangerously cut yesterday morning by her husband in attempted murder, is considered by physicians to be by no means hopeless. It seems that no vital spot was injured by the razor, and if the wound can survive the nervous shock and loss of blood, her recovery is very probable.

Warrenton has said that he will make a public statement. So far as is known he has not yet consulted a lawyer.

The A. P. Hill Camp, United Confederate Veterans, last night decided to leave in a body to-morrow night for the Grand Camp at Lynchburg, where they will participate in the big parade on Thursday.

The delegates from A. P. Hill Camp to the Grand Camp will act as escort to the sponsors and made of honor from this district. Miss Carey Myers, of Petersburg, is sponsor for the Confederate Veterans, with Miss Mary Stuart Buford, of Lawrenceville, Va., maid of honor. For the Sons of Confederate Veterans Miss Annabel Powell, of Emporia, is sponsor, with Miss Cornelia Campbell Whitmore, of Petersburg, as maid of honor.

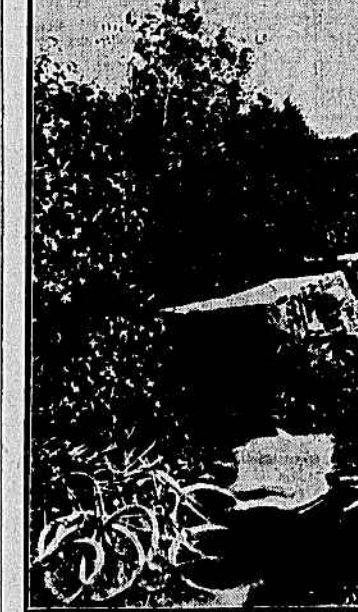
The delegates, with a number of Confederate veterans, who are delegates from other camps, and were here to-day, left for Lynchburg this afternoon.

THE CHARLES M. WALSH MARBLE AND GRANITE WORKS, of this city, will supply the stone work on the new Chesapeake and Ohio passenger depot at Charlottesville, Va.

The contract has been made with A. L. and J. E. Penneck, of Richmond, who are the general contractors for the work, at a price of \$3,100.

Five men this morning destroyed a frame house on South Dunlop Street, near Mount Airy. The house was owned by

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Lytle Burk, of York, a resident of the association will open his rooms here on October 1st. Miss Eliza Wright is president and Mrs. Boisseau is matron.

## AMHERST MOUNTAINS.

A Double Marriage, That Did Not Come Off.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) PEKA, VA., Sept. 13.—A great many old Confederate soldiers are preparing to attend the reunion at Lynchburg this week, which promise to be a grand affair.

A Sunday school picnic is to be held at Macedonia Methodist Church, in Coffee-ton, next Saturday, the 17th instant, which will be largely attended.

Quile a disappointed crowd met at Mr. Henry Warren's, near this place, last Sunday to witness a double marriage. The bride and groom were both present, and the ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. A. R. Burnett, of the Methodist Church. It is understood there will be no special invitations sent out, but that the friends of the parties are all invited to witness the ceremony.

The Virginia Home School opened its session with quite a large number of boarders. They were fortunate in engaging Miss Frances Groover, an accomplished musician and teacher of music.

Mr. William H. Rutledge still continues very ill, and fears are entertained that he will not recover.

## U. S. DISTRICT COURT.

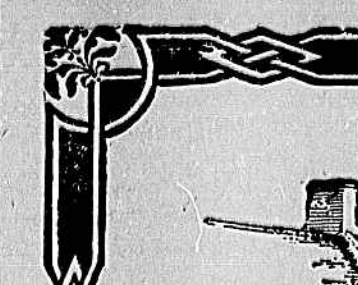
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great losses by being unable to cultivate and harvest their crops at the critical points, owing to lack of assistance. Much fodder is now going to waste, caused by insufficient labor for gathering it.

Howard Hathaway, a former member of the Virginia legislature, now a resident of Washington State, in the far West, where he is a candidate for Congress on the Democratic ticket, this year is visiting relatives in the Northern Neck.

The R. A. Burnett farm, in Madison county, has been purchased by W. J. Cline for \$2,000.

Mr. L. D. Passano has sold his farm in lower Fauquier to Mr. Clarence Moore, of Chevy Chase, Md., at a handsome price.



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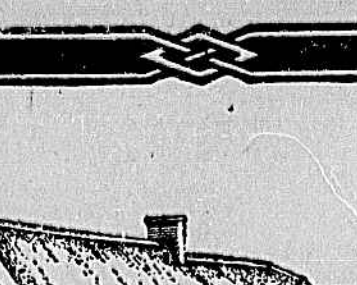
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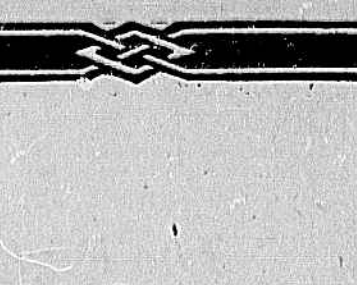
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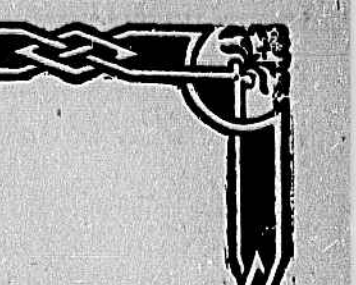
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